

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-27 and 38-43 have been withdrawn from consideration. New claims 44-46 are presented for consideration.

Claims 29-37 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 29, 31, 32, 34 and 35 have been rewritten in independent form so as to be allowable. Claims 30, 33, 36 and 37, which respectively depend from now allowable claims 29, 32, 34 and 35, are likewise in allowable form.

Only claim 28 stands rejected on art. Claim 28 stands rejected under 35 USC §102 as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,898,924, to Chenevey et al (Chenevey). Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 28 is requested.

Claim 28 has amended to characterize the body as having a compression layer, with the fibers characterized as being in the compression layer.

Chenevey is silent as to where the composition disclosed therein is utilized, and therefore does not teach or suggest the structure recited in claim 28.

Claim 44 incorporates the limitations of claim 28, as originally presented, and further incorporates the limitations of claims 29, 30 and 32. Since claim 29 is indicated to be allowable, claim 44, which recites further significant structural detail to further distinguish over Chenevey, is likewise allowable.

Claims 45 and 46 each depend from claim 44 and recite further significant structural detail to further distinguish over the cited prior art.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claim 28, consideration of newly presented claims 44-46, and allowance of the case are requested.

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